

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
November 2, 2015

Commissioner Chairman Joshua Francis called the meeting to order.

MIN 10/19

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the October 19, 2015 minutes.
Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BICENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION

The Board of Commissioners received a letter from the state encouraging the adoption of the proclamation and raising of the Bicentennial flag that was given to each county in Indiana. The flag is to be raised at noon on December 11, 2015 at noon along with the reading of the proclamation. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the proclamation. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts, County Attorney advised the Board that the 9-1-1 reorganization ordinance is still in the works. It will establish a management structure with the merger of the Sheriff's Department with E 9-1-1.

The Board discussed with Mr. Roberts the demolition of the Becker-Mock building. There was an issue with one of the contractors who submitted the lowest bid. The Commissioners had received notification and pictures of illegal dumping of debris from homes and buildings on his property. The Board feels that they cannot support or award a bid if there is illegal dumping. After discussion of different options regarding the issue the Board has decided that they will spell out in the awarded bidder's contract the requirements of properly disposing of the building debris at a licensed landfill. If the low bidder agrees to the requirements, the Board will continue to move forward on the demo. If not, they will need to rebid the project. Commissioner Hamman will contact the low bidder and let him know what the Board will require and get back with Mr. Roberts.

The Board also discussed the need to get the Sheriff's contract updated. Sheriff Miller presented his proposal for his new salary based on the statute and the additional duties of taking on E 9-1-1. Sheriff Miller stated that the statute states that the Sheriff should be making 60% of the prosecutor's pay based on total population of the county. Miami County falls into the 20,000 – 40,000 population range. Sheriff Miller as requested 69% of the total salary of the prosecutor, which calculates to 60% of the prosecutor's pay and 90% of the population range, representing the 36,000 in population of Miami County. Sheriff Miller is requesting that his salary be increased to \$94,573 based on the statute requirements and his percentage of total population of Miami County to offer compensation for the added responsibilities in taking over E 9-1-1. In addition, Sheriff Miller also requested compensation for his medical premiums for \$631.65 per month. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the requested salary of \$94,573 and insurance premium reimbursement of \$631.65 per month to run through the remainder of Sheriff Miller's term, ending on December 31, 2018. Commissioner West also included in his motion to authorize Mr. Roberts to write up the contract and authorizing Commissioner Francis to sign. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Miller advised the Board of Commissioners that he would need to request a transfer of funds from the Council in November to cover the utilities and medical expenses at the jail. There would not be an additional appropriation, only a transfer of funds within his budget. Sheriff Miller noted that there has been an increase in the water/sewage, causing a shortfall.

INSURANCE

Mark Allen, Webster's Insurance Agency, requested that the Board of Commissioners offer an extension on the insurance property/casualty bids. Mr. Allen stated that due to the delay in specs, it has really made it difficult for the underwriters to review and

prepare a quote. Mr. Allen requested that the deadline to accept bids be extended to November 30, 2015 with the award being on December 7, 2015. Commissioner West made a motion to follow the proper procedures in extending the deadline to November 30, 2015 for the insurance bids. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer brought to the Board a copy of the Railroad Grant. The grant was submitted 10 days ago. The Interlocal Agreement would need to be signed once it is completed. Commissioner West made a motion to allow Commissioner Francis to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the Amboy Railroad Grant. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis stated that there was a request from Blake Betzner, North Miami Athletic Director wanting to place signs (5 total) in the northern part of the community. The signs are to recognize the girls' softball team as state champions. Commissioner West made a motion to allow the placement of the signs with coordination with Ken Einselen. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Einselen presented the LPA claim vouchers #9 for \$12,672 and claim #10 for 8,282.18 for bridge #159 rehabilitation and claim #13 for 23,146.60 for bridge inspection reimbursements. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the LPA claim vouchers. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis asked Mr. Einselen to get a powerwasher from the Highway, if they have one, and see about getting the base of the Doughboy and Lady Liberty cleaned before the unveiling on November 11, 2015.

TREASURER

Becky Morris, Miami County Treasurer, brought a copy of a bank statement for an account that needed to be closed. It was determined that the account was opened under Jane Lilley, Auditor and Craig Boyer, who was a County Commissioner at the time for the use of Ebay sales for used/obsolete computer equipment. Intrasect does not feel that there is enough value in the used/obsolete computer equipment to warrant the time and effort to sell these items. The account needs closed, but only Mrs. Lilley and Craig Boyer can do so. The bank statement will be given to the Auditor to address.

MCEDA APPOINTMENT

The Board of Commissioners received notification that there were appointments that needed to be made as their terms are up. Commissioner West made a motion to reappoint Dr. Tom McKaig, Dave Stevens, and Gary Beebe to a 3-year term. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COPY BIDS

The Board reviewed the quotes for the copier bids. The Board would like to have the following companies come give a presentation on November 16, 2015: Allen Business, Beckley and Smith Office. Commissioner West made a motion to have Allen, Beckley and Smith give presentations. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. The Board would like to have Tom Polk & Jim Deniston from Intrasect and Peter Diedrichs present during the presentations. The Board will allow a 30 min presentation from each vendor selected.

PAYROLL 10/30

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 10/16/15 payroll. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

LOCK ISSUE

Commissioner Francis stated that there is an issue with the door to the IT office on the 1st floor. The Board will contact Tim Hunter, Courthouse Security, contact Bob’s Lock & Key to have them repair the sticking lock.

CREDIT CARD POLICY

Commissioner West stated that he has a draft of the credit card policy prepared, but wanted approval to take to PNC. Commissioner Hamman made a motion for Commissioner West to take the drafted policy to PNC. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

RECESS

Commissioner West made a motion to recess until 12:45 pm. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis called the meeting back to order at 12:45 pm.

SHERIFF CONTRACT

The Board received the final copy of the Sheriff’s contract that will be effective 1/1/16. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the contract. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. The contract will have to be presented to the County Council in November for final approval and signatures. The 2016 salary ordinance will also need to be updated as well as an additional appropriation in January for the pay increase.

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Chief Deputy Auditor**
Mary Brown